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SUBJECT: SHIRIMP BOAT SINKING

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THREE SURVIVORS OF SHRIMP BOAT " CAPTAIN CLIFFORD" WHICH SANK ON APRIL 5 HAVE BEEN FOUND: CAPTAIN PATRICK GRIFFITH (BRITISH SUBJECT/ ST. LUCIA), FREEZERMAN HILIMAN CLASP (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CITIZEN), AND ALFRED DE BOIS (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CITIZEN). GRIFFITH AND CLASP WERE PICKED UP BY BRAZILIAN SHRIMP BOAT (CIAPESCA II ON APRIL 14 AND BROUGHT TO BELEM. DE BOIS PICKED UP BY SAME BOAT ON APRIL 15 AND ARRIVED IN BELEM THIS MORNING. THE MEN ARE BEING TREATED AT BELEM NAVAL HOSPITAL. ALL OF THEM ARE IN GOOD CONDITION ALTHOUGH WEAK AFTER
BEING ADRIFT FOR TEN DAYS ON IMPROVISED RAFTS. NAVY DOCTORS ESTIMATE THAT THEY WILL REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION OF ONE WEEK AT A MINIMUM. DE BOIS STATES THAT HE SAW RAFT BEARING REMAINING CREWMEN SINK WHILE ADRIFT.
GRIFFITH TOLD CONSUL THAT SINKING RESULTED FROM BREAK IN STERN PIPE SUPPORTING SHAFT CAUSING VESSEL TO TAKE ON WATER. BREAK OCCURRED AT
APPROXIMATELY 9:00 AM ON APRIL 5: CAPTAIN ABANDONED SHIP AT APPROXI-MATELY 9:00 PM. DISTRESS CALL WAS SENT TO SHRIMP BOAT MISS UNIVER-SE OPERATING IN AREA, BUT THAT VESSEL DID NOT ARRIVE IN TIME.

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FOR PORT OF SPAIN: PLEASE INFORM TAMPA SHRIMP COMPANY THAT MEN ARE IN

BELEM AND REQUEST THEY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOSPITALIZATION, CLOTHING AND TRANSPORTATION.
FOR BRASILIA: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO OF RESCUE OF MEN BRITISH CONSUL IN BELEM HAS BEEN ADVISED
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